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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toru ITOH et al.

Application No.: 09/628,726

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Docket No.: 106879

For: SANDWICH STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF REPAIRING THE SAME



PETITION TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

A Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted ("Notice") was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a stated mailing date of August 31, 2000, but was not received by Applicants' undersigned representative until November 14, 2000. In accordance with the provisions of MPEP §710.06, Applicants respectfully request that the period for reply be reset to run from November 14, 2000. In support of this Petition, Applicants submit the following:

A) This Petition is being filed within two weeks of receipt of the Notice at the correspondence address for this application.

B) A substantial portion of the extendible period for reply to the Notice had already elapsed by the time the Notice was received by Applicants. In particular, the Notice was mailed on August 31, 2000, setting a shortened two-month period for response, thus making the extendible due date October 31, 2000. Accordingly, by the time the paper was received by Applicants' representative, the entire shortened period for response had elapsed.

C) Although the Notice states an earlier mailing date, the Notice was not received at Applicants' representative's correspondence address until November 14, 2000. As evidence

thereof, attached hereto is a copy of the Notice, showing the date-stamped receipt date thereon.

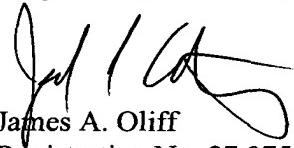
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Patent and Trademark Office in the manner shown on the attached copy. Accordingly, the date-stamp is evidence that the Notice was not received by Applicants' representative until November 14, 2000.

Accordingly, for all of the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the period for reply to the Notice be reset to run from November 14, 2000, the date on which the Notice was received by Applicants' representative. Applicants also respectfully request that a formal communication be issued by the Patent Office confirming that the period for response has been reset.

Should there be any questions regarding this Petition, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Copy of Date-Stamped Notice to File Missing Parts

Date: November 21, 2000

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